

# MEDICAL EDUCATION

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### TRENDING MEDICAL EDUCATION TOPIC

#### Ophthalmology for the Primary Care Provider

If your medical staff needs an update on common eye problems, consider contacting our office to book a speaker at 877-505-4777 or [info@speakersnetwork.com](mailto:info@speakersnetwork.com).

#### What is the problem?

More than 4.2 million Americans age 40 and older are either legally blind or with low vision. As the population of older people continues to accelerate, the number of people experiencing vision loss will increase. The leading causes of these vision problems include age-related macular degeneration, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma. In addition, 2-3% of primary care visits are for eye complaints. It is crucial for primary care physicians to identify and treat common eye problems they may encounter and know when to refer them to a specialist.

#### Learning Objectives

1. Identify common eye problems seen by primary care physicians
2. Evaluate patients with common eye complaints
3. Utilize diagnostic techniques in the office/clinic of a primary care physicians
4. Treat common eye disorders
5. Know which eye disorders need to be referred to an ophthalmologist and how urgent the referral will be

#### How do we know this is a problem?

<https://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/basics/ced/index.html>

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